



Queen Anne Cobblestone

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Society Dues Going Up

After many years, the Queen Anne Historical Society will be raising its membership dues starting June 1 of this year. The Board of Directors, after surveying the dues structure of many other heritage organizations, voted at its April 10 board meeting to adopt the following membership dues:

Individual	\$15 (was \$10)
Family	\$20 (was \$15)
Student	\$8 (was \$5)
Senior	\$8 (was \$5)

This increase, the first in ten years, was made in response to steadily-increasing costs for postage, reproduction, rent, membership in related groups like the Assoc. of King County Historical Organizations, PO box rent, internet costs, etc. The board chose to keep the new rates at or below most other King county heritage groups.

We hope our members will understand and support this long overdue decision.

In a move to help our members adjust to these new rates, **members may renew at the old rates, above, until June 1.** This means if you get your renewals in soon, you can save a few dollars. Renewals for multiple years at the old rate are also encouraged.

See the Membership Notice on p.2, use the coupon on p.3 and **renew now! Write into the coupon the reduced rate for your renewals made before June 1.**

Our Annual Meeting Maps Seattle's Past & Future Wed. May 15, 7:30 pm

Ross Anderson, former Seattle Times reporter, will tell us stories about his collection of northwest maps and about map making at the next public meeting of the Queen Anne Historical Society.

You will remember Anderson's fascinating article on maps and map makers in the Seattle Sunday Times & P-I last fall. Ross will bring maps covering several different thematic topics and geographic areas, including Seattle and some early maps of Queen Anne Hill. As part of his display he engages the audience in playing map-maker

Also on the program of this, our annual meeting, will be a brief introduction by Ron Mason, QAHS Board member, of a new **Historic Resources Survey Project** to be carried out by our Society, with your help, in the coming months. This project, in cooperation with the Department of Neighborhoods of the City of Seattle, will produce an inventory of historic structures for Queen Anne.

**Join your neighbors at our next public meeting
Wed., May 15th, 7:30 pm
McClure Middle School Library
First Ave. West and West Crockett St.**

The meeting is free and open to the public. It begins at 7:30 pm at McClure Middle School library, 1915 1st Ave. West, on Queen Anne. For more information, contact John Hennes at 206-284-2266.



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MEMBERSHIP NOTICE

URGENT NOTICE: Our membership year ends May 31 and your renewals for 2002-03 are due **now**. Note in the article on p.1 that our **dues are being raised as of June 1, 2002**. If you renew now, before June 1, you can still renew at the old rates. This includes renewing for multiple years. Take advantage of the savings and send in your dues now, using the coupon on p.3. Your mailing label shows the year your current membership expires.

For more information, contact our Membership Chair, Nadine Belcher, at 206-284-8369.**Thanks for being a part of a great organization!**

CALENDAR OF

Wed. May 15, 2002

Program: Ross Anderson on maps and map makers. This is the Society's Annual Meeting and elections. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free. (See story p.1)

Sat. June 15, 2002

Walking Tour: Our annual tour of historic Mt. Pleasant Cemetery. Meet at entrance, 7th Ave. W and W Raye St. Time 10:00 am. Free.

Wed. Sept. 18, 2002

Program: Greg Lange on old houses & how to research them. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.

Wed. Nov. 20, 2002

Program: Greg Palmer on TV production of historical programs. McClure Middle School Library, 7:30 pm. Free.



Annual Cemetery Tour Set for June 15th

It's time once again for the Society's annual walking tour of **Mt. Pleasant Cemetery**. This year's tour will be **Saturday, June 15th, starting at 10:00 am** at the entrance to the cemetery at 7th Ave. W. and W. Raye St.

Each year this two hour tour entertains visitors and locals alike with its informative and colorful stories of some of the people who shaped Seattle and the Northwest.

Mt. Pleasant dates from 1878 and contains a cross-section of the many cultures that have made our city.

Join us on June 15th. Bring your walking shoes. **The tour is free.**

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The mission of the Queen Anne Historical Society is to record and preserve, in permanent form, the history of the settling of the Queen Anne community and to develop within the community an appreciation and concern for its history and its historical sites.

HERITAGE NEWS

Web Site Changes

The Society's nifty web site, www.qahistory.org, is now being managed by board member Bruce Jones. **A large Thank You is in order for Houston Allen, of Houston's Web World.**

When the Society decided to expand its presence on the web last summer, Houston volunteered as webmaster, expanding the site to what we see today. With his stepping down last month, the Society would like to let him know of our appreciation of his contribution of time and effort. We wish him well in his new endeavors.

Society members can now go to the web site and view the minutes of our monthly board meetings. Access to the Members Only section is by the "secret" password "Seattle".

Photo Display for Uptown

The new Queen Anne/Magnolia Neighborhood Service Center in the Uptown neighborhood at 157 Roy St. will feature several historic display photos of the lower Queen Anne region. The four photos were provided by the Queen Anne Historical Society as a long-term loan to the Center.

Isabel Egglin arranged for the display using photographs from the collection of the Museum of History and Industry. Check out the displays when the new Center holds its open house sometime in June. Watch the Queen Anne News for date and time.

Another Month, Another Tour

The Society regularly gets requests for help with conducting tours of the Hill for various groups. These tours may be simple outings for the very infirm or full-blown lecture tours.

The latest tour saw Del Loder leading a bus-load from the Washington Athletic Club on May 8. The tour covered the Queen Anne Boulevard area, with a stop at the

Japanese Consulate on Highland Dr.

If you would like to help out in the future on such tours, contact Del Loder at telephone 206-282-8771.

A New EXPO May 25-26

The Sesquicentennial Heritage Expo, held last November, was such a success that AKCHO, the Association of King County Heritage Organizations, is going to do it again.

On Memorial Day weekend AKCHO will partner with Northwest Folklife for the **2002 Heritage Expo at the Maritime Heritage Center** in the old Naval Reserve building at South Lake Union.

Hours are 11 am to 5 pm on Saturday, May 25, and Sunday, May 26.

The Queen Anne Historical Society will be there, along with dozens of other groups, displaying a few items of our collection. There will be exhibits, hands-on activities and music. Acts from the Folklife Festival will also be on stage at Expo. The Center for Wooden Boats will offer free steamboat rides.

Admission to Expo is FREE. Bring your family and look around. If you can help out by taking a shift at our QAHS table, please call John

Hennes at 206-284-2266.

Historic Survey of QA Planned. Society Members Help Needed

The Queen Anne Historical Society board has voted to support a major effort in our community to conduct a historical resource survey of houses and buildings. The Seattle Dept. of Neighborhoods will provide matching grant funds and the Society will help provide people to conduct a survey, do research of selected houses and publish the results.

Society members Ron Mason, Bruce Jones and Virginia Voorhees-Wilcox will work with the City of Seattle to plan this program, which will last from now through the end of summer. The results will be an inventory of significant historic structures, with photos and descriptions. This inventory will be invaluable to future planning, to future walking tours and to future Queen Anne historians.

The University District was recently surveyed in this program. **Your help as a volunteer will be needed to spend a few hours walking a neighborhood, photographing some of the houses and making notes.**

Details are still being developed. If you would like to help plan this program, give Ron Mason a call at 283-8630. All of our members can be

NOTE: Coupon below shows dues rates after June 1. See story on p.1 for dues paid by May 31.

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<input type="checkbox"/> Family	\$20	<input type="checkbox"/> Benefactor	\$200 & up
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☐ I would like to become active in the Queen Anne Historical Society.

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Yes, I want to order the Society's book, *Queen Anne—Community on the Hill*, for \$25 a copy (\$20 for paid-up members).
Enclosed is a check for

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***Coming up: Ross Anderson maps
our past and future at the
May 15th Program***



NOTES FROM THE ARCHIVES BY KIM TURNER

Steps Going Down

There have been numerous attempts to list all the stairways on Seattle's Hills. These include showing where the longest continuous flight, longest interrupted flights, and shortest flights can be found.

Queen Anne Hill is no stranger to stairways. From the Seattle Center grounds one can look up Third Avenue North and see the stairway that seems to go all the way up the south side of the Hill. The steps begin at 3rd North and halfway between Aloha and Ward Streets. They continue in another flight between lower and upper Ward Street. Then take a breather for one and a half blocks, continuing from halfway between Prospect and Highland Drive, coming out just where Highland, 3rd North and Bigelow meet.

There are stairways on Galer Street on both the east and west sides. One set climbs up from Queen Anne Avenue connecting with Tower Place and First North. The eastern one is halfway between 4th Avenue North

and Bigelow, interrupted by streets, it goes on down Galer Street all the way to Aurora Avenue. From Galer and Sixth Avenue West a flight goes down toward 7th West.

There are lovely steps and terraces at the Willcox retaining wall along the west side of the Boulevard. Steps continue north at convenient sites from 10th or 11th Avenue West, such as at West Dravus Street, to connect eventually with 15th Avenue West. Steps on the north side of the hill lead to housing areas which are filled with cul-de-sacs and no other way, but steps, for a pedestrian to continue down toward the Lake Washington Ship Canal.

At some point the Society hopes to prepare pamphlets detailing all these stairways and associated walking tours for its membership and new people to the hill. But that is not now - unless there are volunteers who wish to help count and locate ALL the stairways on the Hill.

Happy May/Spring, etc.

Cordially,

**Interested in becoming more involved with the Queen Anne Historical Society?
Join the Board of Trustees! Call John Hennes at (206) 284-2266 for more details
about how you can share in making and keeping Queen Anne's history.**